

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for use in populating an electronic address book, comprising:

searching over a network, through at least one archive of e-mails for an e-mail address, based on a different application associated with each of the at least one archive;
evaluating the e-mail address based on a first defined criterion; and
adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book if the first defined criterion is satisfied.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the searching includes searching a "from" field, a "to" field and a "cc" field.

3. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the evaluating includes determining if the e-mail address already exists in the electronic address book, and not adding the e-mail address in the electronic address book if it already exists in the electronic address book.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the evaluating includes evaluating the e-mail address based on a second defined criterion; and the adding includes adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book if both the first and the second defined criterion are satisfied, and not adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book unless both the first and second defined criteria are satisfied.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining if the at least one archive from which the e-mail address was retrieved includes an organization;

organizing the electronic address book according to an organization of at least a portion of the at least one archive from which the e-mail address was retrieved; and

the adding includes adding the e-mail such that the e-mail address is added according to the organized address book.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

generating a retrieved list of e-mail addresses retrieved during the searching that satisfy the first defined criterion; and

the adding includes adding the e-mail addresses if the e-mail address is confirmed to be added.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising: generating a verification list of at least the e-mail address added to the address book.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising: receiving confirmation of additions based on the retrieved list prior to the adding the e-mail address.

9. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for use in generating and maintaining an address book, comprising:

accessing, over a network, an electronic archive comprising a list of e-mail addresses generated with a first application;

parsing, over the network, the electronic archive for the e-mail addresses, based on the first application;

applying a first criterion to a first retrieved e-mail address; and

adding the first retrieved e-mail address to an electronic address book if the first criterion is met.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the applying includes applying a second criterion to the first retrieved address; and the adding includes adding the first retrieved address to the electronic address book if both the first and second criteria are met.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
 - supplying a plurality of criteria options; and
 - receiving a selection of criteria including the first and second criteria.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the archive includes an archive of e-mails; and the parsing includes parsing a plurality of fields associated with each e-mail of the archive.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
 - accessing, over the network, an external archive comprising a second list of e-mail addresses generated with a second application;
 - parsing the external archive for e-mail addresses;
 - retrieving e-mail addresses from the external archive; and
 - applying the first and second criteria; and
 - adding the retrieved e-mail addresses from the external archive if the retrieved e-mail addresses from the external archives meet both the first and second criteria.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
 - determining if the archive includes an organizational folder;
 - determining if the e-mail address was retrieved from the organization folder;
 - generating a folder within the electronic addresses book; and
 - the adding includes adding the first retrieved e-mail address to the electronic address book in the generated folder.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
 - generating a nickname in association with the first retrieved e-mail address; and
 - adding the nickname associated with the first retrieved e-mail address to the electronic address book.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus for use in generating and updating an electronic address book, comprising:

an electronic address book configured to store one or more e-mail addresses;

means for scanning over a network, configured to search one or more archives for at least one e-mail address and to retrieve the at least one e-mail address, wherein each of the one or more archives is generated with a different application;

means for filtering configured to receive the at least one e-mail address from the means for scanning and to pass the e-mail address if the e-mail address satisfies a criterion of the means for filtering; and

means for adding configured to add the at least one e-mail address to the address book if the at least one address is passed by the filter.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the archive includes a plurality of e-mails having a plurality of fields; and the means for scanning is configured to scan the plurality of fields of the plurality of e-mails.

18. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium encoded with code segments for use in populating an electronic address book, the computer readable medium comprising:

a code segment for searching over a network, through at least one electronic archive of e-mails for e-mail addresses, based on a different application associated with each of the at least one electronic archive;

a code segment for evaluating a retrieved e-mail address based on a first defined criterion; and

a code segment for adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book if the first defined criterion is satisfied.

19. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 18, further comprising:

a code segment for evaluating the e-mail address based on a second criterion; and

the code segment for adding is configured to add the retrieved e-mail address to the electronic address book if both the first and second criteria are satisfied.

20. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising:
a code segment for supplying a plurality of criteria options; and
a code segment for receiving a selection of criteria including the first and second criteria.
21. (Previously presented) An apparatus for use in populating an electronic address book over a network, comprising:
a transceiver in communication with the network;
a processor in communication with the transceiver; and
a memory in communication with the processor, and storing processor executable instructions that cause the processor to perform a plurality of actions, including:
accessing, over the network, a plurality of archives of e-mails for an e-mail;
parsing the e-mail to obtain an e-mail address based at least in part on an application associated with the e-mail;
adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book; and
providing to a user device, over the network, an access to the electronic address book.
22. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein adding the e-mail address to the electronic address book further comprises adding the e-mail address if the e-mail address occurs certain frequency, wherein the e-mail address is automatically excluded if the e-mail address occurs below the certain frequency, the e-mail address is similar to another e-mail address, or a date associated with the e-mail address meets a threshold.
23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the electronic address book is stored at least on one of the user device, the apparatus, or another network device.

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein at least one of the plurality archives of e-mails is stored on the apparatus, the user device, or another network device.

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the parsing further comprises sending a parsing instruction to cause remote parsing of the e-mail on a network device which stores the plurality of archives of e-mails.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein each of the plurality of archives of e-mails is associated with a different application.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein at least one of the plurality of archives of e-mails includes e-mails of different applications.

28. (Previously presented) An apparatus for use in populating a destination electronic address book over a network, comprising:

- a transceiver in communication with the network;
- a processor in communication with the transceiver; and
- a memory in communication with the processor, and storing processor executable instructions that cause the processor to perform a plurality of actions, including:
 - accessing a first source electronic address book for a first e-mail address, the first source electronic address book comprising a list of e-mail addresses generated with a first application;
 - evaluating the e-mail address based on a first defined criterion; and
 - adding the e-mail address to the destination electronic address book if the first defined criterion is satisfied.

29. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 28, wherein the actions further comprising:

accessing a second source electronic address book for a second e-mail address, the second source electronic address book comprising a list of e-mail addresses generated with a second application;

evaluating the second e-mail address based on the first defined criterion; and

adding the second e-mail address to the destination electronic address book if the first defined criterion is satisfied.